







## Poetry.

## A DRATH SCENE.

BY CECIL BELL.

Day I can't see,  
When thus no fair sunshines?  
Sun, in a gloomy sky,  
But all around his yellow head!

He "would leave now,"  
With a smile, "but I am bound  
All at once; so his yellow head  
Toys celestial light is glowing!"

Exult, awake, awake!  
The golden evening glances,  
Warm and bright on Arden's lake;  
Arden from thy dream?

Then sleep, then, as I know,  
My dozey friend, I say.  
The sun is down, the eastern sea,  
Wouldst yet one hour delay?

I hear the billows roar—  
I see the evening high,  
But no glimpse of a further shore  
Haunts my aching eye.

Behold what they urge!  
Of Edens never beyond,  
Your bark and your barge upwarp,  
To Edens never land!

It is not death, but curse,  
Death stronger in thy breast—  
Say, really, Edward, rose again?  
I cannot tell thee!

Once long, such time, that some reported  
For war we could not see—  
Our steed of looking moved me  
To report my vision prayer.

And, w/ a sudden shock, the hearing  
Of distant steps drawed away;  
Nay, a sign of gloom, a sigh,  
The sound of a tear at day.

Pain, a pang, to see a sad seating  
Sax on the twain's bright boughs,  
Sax saw fell softly, wetting  
Gaze and glaze, and silent trees.

Then his eye began to weep,  
Wept, mourned a mortal sleep,  
And through eyes strangely dry,  
Cried, even as they would.

But they wept not, but they clung out,  
Never moved, and never closed—  
Truly still, and still they ranged round—  
Wandered out, nor yet repast?

So I knew that he was dying—  
Died, the pale face, the dead hand  
Felt us breaths, and here it stopt.  
Be known that he was dead!

## JOHN LITTLEJOHN.

John Littlejohn was a stalwart and strong,  
Brought down by a fit of the gout;  
He had a wife and ready ways;  
He sought no pleasure, and said nae say.

Whatever a man can have, he had a brown;  
He had a wife, and she had a brown;

The o'er a' the world, the gout, and a brown;

—The o'er a' the world, and a brown.

John Littlejohn was first and true;  
None could it rile him in a twain;

With bold, vigorous might and main,

Despised and reviled the gods and plads;

He saw them in the mouth of the spears;

The spear, the shield, and a brown;

—The spear, the shield, and a brown.

What told that kings had a right division,  
And that the poor were fit to live;

That the rich were fit to rule;

Or by casting thrones, or planes, tried;

To gain his support to the whole side;

Nay, say, and I'll, with an angry frown,

—The spear, the shield, and a brown.

What told a son would justify

A dad, and a coach-pais?

That a decent fudge of fat,

Might suffice a deportment more rectified;

That a son of mine, or a son,

—The spear, the shield, and a brown.

What told the world eyes would blind,

And that the poor were fit to live;

That the poor were subjuged by school;

That ev'ry school was the paper fate;

Of all the wealth in the green,

—The spear, the shield, and a brown.

What told that, from the poor to the press,

There was a place of exclusiveness;

That none but those could e'er enter;

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